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WANTED TO EXCHANGE GOODS FOR 100,000 BUSHELS OF CORN!

Will pay TWO CENTS A BUSHEL more than the Highest Market Price paid by any shipper, in

CLOTHING HATS, CAPS, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS. JEANS, FLANNELS, YARNS, &c., AT LOWEST CASH PRICES.

Corn to be delivered at D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s mill, Decatur, Ill.

IN OUR

Merchant Tailoring Department!

Will be found the first arrival of new and stylish Cloths and Cashmeres, Vests and Overcoats. Suits or single garments made to order on short notice and its guaranteed. Two first-class cutters are constantly employed.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Dec. 27 - d&w

Financial Pressure!

CLOSING OUT!

Having concluded to make a change in my business, I have determined to

CLOSE OUT

My Large and Well Selected Stock of

STOVES

— AND —

HARDWARE!

— AT —

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Call Soon and Secure Bargains.

All persons indebted to me will please call and settle and save cost.

— I WILL —

Sacrifice \$500.00

on my entire stock to any one who would

and would will take the whole lot.

H. POST,

NO. 19 WATER ST.,

Decatur, Ill.

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H. MUELLER & CO.,

DRAGGERS IN

PUMPS

IRON, LEAD, AND BRASS PIPES AND FITTINGS, IRON VALVES AND COCKS,

PUMPS

IRON, HOSE, DRILLING, AND PACKING,

ALL KINDS OF MACHINE SUPPLIES, EN-

GINES, AGRI-CULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,

AND ALL KINDS OF MACHINERY REPAIRED,

AND BLACKSMITHING, PLUMBING, METAL,

AND FITTING, ALL WORK WAR-

KANTED.

Cor. E. Main and State Streets,

Decatur, Illinois.

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CLIFFORD'S

FEBRIFUGE

OR

FEVER & AGUE

CURE.

ERADIATES ALL MALARIAL

DISEASES from the SYSTEM.

J. C. RICHARDSON, Prop.

For Sale by All Druggists.

Dec. 27 - d&w

Revolvers

Open & Roll 45

Revolver & Schlauderer.

May 8 - d&w

Vinegar Factory!

WE NOW MANUFACTURE AND HAVE

FOR SALE

Pure Cider and White Wine Vinegar

FOR THE TRADE.

We pay Cash for Hard Cider and fallen apples

delivered at our Factory opposite our Store

on South Broadway, Decatur, Illinois.

J. C. RICHARDSON, Prop.

For Sale by All Druggists.

Dec. 27 - d&w

Harpster & Schlauderer.

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Popular New York Store

Dec. 27 - d&w

THE ARKANSAS PROPOSAL.

He sat on the side of the room in a big white-oak rocking chair. A long-eared deer hound, snapping at flies, was at his side, a basket of sewing by her. Both rocked incessantly—that is, the young people—not the dog or basket. He sighs heavily, and looks out of the west window—at a turnip patch. At last he remarks:

"This is mighty good weather to pick cotton?"

"Tis that, if we only had any to pick."

The rocking continues.

"What's your dog's name?"

"Coony."

Another sigh-broken stillness.

"What is he good fur?"

"What is he good fur?" said he

"Your dog, Coony."

"Far ketchin' possums."

Silence of half an hour.

"He looks like a deer dog."

"Who looks like a deer dog?"

"Coony."

"He is—but he's kinder bellowed and gettin' old an' slow now, un' he ain't no coon on a cold trail."

In the quiet ten minutes that ensued she took up two stitches in her quilt; it was a gorgeous affair, that quilt was from the pattern called the "Rose of Sharon." She is very particular about the nomenclature of her quilt, and frequently walks fifteen miles to get a new pattern with a "real purty name."

"Your ma raisin' many chickens?"

"Forty odd."

Then more rocking, and somehow after awhile, the big rocking-chair and the little rocking-chair were jammed side by side. I don't know how it happened. It may have been caused by some peculiarity in the floor, or by the natural magnetic attraction one chair had for the other; but, strange to say, the basket of work had followed the little chair, and the little chair had traveled as fast as the big one. Coony had not moved. He lay in the same place, sound asleep, and he was talking in his sleep, that is, giving faint, irregular barks at the possums he beheld in his dreams. After awhile the conversation was resumed.

"How many has your ma got?"

"How many what?"

"Chickens."

"Nigh onto a hundred."

By this time the chairs were so close together that rocking was impossible.

"The mink has eat most of ours."

Then a long silence ensues. At last he observes:

"Makin' quilts?"

"Yes," she replies, brightening up.

"I've just finished a 'Roarin' Eagle of Brazzel,' a 'Sittin' Sun,' an' a 'Nation's Pride.'

"Have you ever saw the 'Yellow Rose on the Parap?'"

"No."

More silence, then he says:

"Do you like cabbage?"

"I do that."

Presently his hand is accidentally placed on hers. She does not know it—at least does not seem to be aware of it. Then, after a half hour spent in sighing, coughing, and clearing of throats, he says:

"I've a great mind to bite you."

"What you great mind to bite me for?"

"Kase you won't have me."

"Kase you ain't axed me."

"Well, now I ax you."

"Then, now I has you."

Then Coony dreams he hears a sound of kissing.

Then the next day the young man goes to Tigerville after a marriage license, Wednesday the following week. No cards.

A YOUNG newspaper reporter penned a paragraph on a snowfall as follows:

"The angels rested their wings at the hour when Aurora goes forth to fulfill her mission, and the earth was covered with a fleecy mantle of white." He thought it was very nice, but the unimaginative editor quietly dropped it into the wastebasket, wrote in place of it, "Snow fell this morning," and roared out savagely, "Condense; why don't you condense?"

LIVER IS KING.

The liver is the imperial organ of the whole human system, as it controls the health and happiness of man. When it is disturbed in its proper action, all kinds of ailments are the natural result. The digestion of food, the movements of the heart and blood, the action of the brain and nervous system, are all immediately connected with the workings of the Liver. It has been successfully proved that Green's Anoint. Flower is unequalled in curing all persons afflicted with Dyspepsia or Liver Complaint, and all the numerous symptoms that result from an unhealthy condition of the Liver and Stomach. Sample bottles to try, 10 cents. Positively sold in all towns on the Western Continent. Three doses will prove that it is just what you want. Aug. 9-d&w

Plumos and Organs—"O my, what a beauty!" remarked a lady to her companion as they were passing Locke's Music Parlor yesterday, where he was unboxing one of those Magnificent Cabinet Grand Upright Pianos, finished with ebony and gold. (She meant the piano, not Locke.)

None Such.—All the latest charming, unique and attractive styles of Ladies' Slippers, at Ferrell's. Det. 1-d&w

A Splendid Bargain.—A full set of Dickens' Works, 15 Vols., cloth, illustrated, for \$12.00, at

Jan 1-d&w J. M. STOCKLEY & CO'S

DRIVEN TO MADNESS BY B. STINE, The "Boss Clothier."



That little volcano, whose crater contains some shoddy clothing, of venom, and any amount of wind, has at last

BURSTED! BUT NOBODY IS HURT.

The people of Decatur and vicinity, indorsing the policy of B. STINE'S BOSS CLOTHIER by our overwhelming majority of customers seeking refuge at our store, and exposing that Windbag,

The Manufacturing Dodge Breathes Its Last

and the ceremony is performed by B. STINE, showing the good people, by our past business record of 15 years standing, that we have stood the test in building up a first-class reputation worthy the patronage at the hands of our customers, notwithstanding the HOWLING and BARKING OF OUR MAD COMPETITORS.

OUR STOCK OF

CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, &c.

Speaks for Itself in Quality and Low Price.

WE TAKE THE PEOPLE BY STORM, as they do not care who manufactures our Goods, so long as we can sell them a better class of Goods for less money than any man who claims to manufacture his own.

B. STINE, The "BOSS CLOTHIER."

Dec. 27 - d&w

LAMBERT & CO.

DRY GOODS!

GREAT SALE!

—OF the Season.—

UNPRECEDENTED BARGAINS

—IN

CLOAKS,

CIRCULARS,

BLANKETS,

DRESS GOODS

—AND—

Winter Fabrics.

We open, this morning, a Large Stock of

FINE DRESS and PAROULEE PATTERNS,

recently purchased in NEW YORK, at one-third to one-half off retail value, and will offer

H. K. HAMMERS, J. H. MORSE,
HANISHER & MOSSER PUBLISHERS,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 7, 1879.

LETTERS from banks in various sections of the country, received by the Treasurer yesterday, say that they are receiving more gold than they are paying out. Treasurer Gilligan expresses the opinion that the gold balance in the Treasury will increase largely, and that in a short time it will be as difficult to put gold out as it has been silver.

If the Republicans can hold the fort until 1881, the United States Senate will be Republican again. That is to say, if they can hold the states they carried at the last election, that result will come. The control of Congress in 1881 will be most important, because upon that Congress will devolve the making of the new apportionment based upon the census of 1880.

During the past three weeks the Government has realized a profit of \$57,000 from the coining of standard silver dollars, after purchasing the bullion, paying for transportation and allowing for the waste in the process of coining. It is also stated that since the first standard silver dollars were coined, the Government has profited to the amount of about \$1,600,000 on the difference between the legal-tender value and the real value of the bullion which these dollars contain.

A SPECIAL train carrying six car loads of silk-worm eggs passed over the Michigan Central last week, en route to France by way of New York. Each car was sealed and its contents were valued at \$3,000,000—the six car loads at \$18,000,000. The eggs were brought from China by the way of San Francisco. The greatest care and attention were used by the Michigan Central authorities to prevent any accident. The track was kept clear where there was the least possibility of danger, passenger trains being switched and held for several hours to prevent any probable accident. The Detroit and Milwaukee railroad carried a similar load a year or two ago, when by accident one of the cars caught fire and, although immediately extinguished, the road was obliged to pay \$150,000 damages, and since then it has refused to again undertake the risk. The eggs are sent from China to France by the long route mentioned because it has been found that sent by the shorter way, the eggs hatch out in the warmer climates. The Michigan Central authorities were not easy until the valuable cargo had been safely transferred from their hands.

The English Sparrow.

Concerning the utility of the English sparrow in this country, a subject which has been earnestly discussed by scientific men, Professor C. V. Riley, chairman of the United States Entomological Commission, has recently published a letter, in which he expresses his views as follows:

I consider it useless to attempt the extermination of the bird. It is now established among us, and no measures that can be practically adopted would ever rid us entirely of it, even were such riddance desirable. In the country the bird will at times become a grievous pest here, as it has been in Europe, and the farmers, for self-protection, will ever and anon have to systematically destroy it. I would, therefore, like to see it take its chances with our native birds—a thing which it is abundantly capable of doing, and corporations should not, in my judgment, encourage its undue multiplication by producing shelter and resting places beyond what the bird may naturally find.

The New York Herald correspondent with General Grant, in Spain, after meeting the leading politicians, and observing the general feeling of unrest, indulged in the following reflections:—"The two pre-eminent facts of the later years of the nineteenth century are the suppression of the rebellion in the South and the preservation of the French Republic. There is not a government in Europe in which these facts do not play a part. They are inborn; you cannot nail without considering them. You can no more avoid them than a mariner can make a summer cruise into Labrador and not consider the icebergs. What two nations in the whole family of nations have suffered the most in the last twenty years? America and France. What two nations are now in the enjoyment of a condensed prosperity? America and France."

Newark Journal. The editor presented a bill for eight years' back subscription. The old farmer was first amazed, then indignant. He put on his spectacles, scrutinized the bill, and after assuring himself that it was genuine, he exclaimed: "I've been supportin' this yore paper for nigh onto eight years, and I never had no such thing as that flung at me before. I'll stop supportin' it."

Our Tenure of Life. Depends in great measure upon our regard for or neglect of the laws of health. If we violate them we cannot expect to "make old bones." But that spans of existence allotted to a naturally delicate constitution, or one which has been shaken by disease may be materially lengthened, is a fact of which we have daily proof. The invigorating and restorative influence of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters upon a failing physique affords a striking illustration of the power of judicious meditation to strengthen the hold on life—restored digestion, complete assimilation, renewed appetite, sound repose—these are among the benefits conferred upon the debilitated by that supreme remanvant.

With a circulation enriched, a frame invigorated, and a nervous system tranquilized, the invalid, after a course of the Bitters, feels that his life-span is no longer the precarious thing that it was—but that he may enjoy a "green old age."

Jan. 8-d&wtf

NOT THE FAULT OF THE NORTH.

Buffalo Commercial Advertiser (Rep.)

The Northern Democrats will make nothing hereafter by sneering at the "bloody shirt." Their Southern allies have seen fit to throw down the gauntlet, and they may rest assured that the North will pick it up. It is not the North's fault that the political lines are again dividing the two sections of the Union. The Northern people, against hope and against conviction, have abstained from throwing any obstruction in the way of the President's Southern policy. They see now, as many of them expected to see, that the South will listen to no overtures for a "conciliation" that does not involve Southern supremacy, with total overthrow of every barrier that the Government has erected to protect the citizenship of the unfranchised, and defend itself against revived rebellion. The South is for itself first, last, and all the time; with it, sectionalism is paramount to nationalism; it submits to the Union because it is obliged to do so. But it is crowding the sectional issue again upon the people, and, thank God, the recent elections prove that the Northern states are ready, if need be, to again "keep step to the music of the Union." We believe, moreover, that before his term of office expires President Hayes will himself declare that the North must be as "solid" at the polls as it was "solid" on the field to save the Government from destruction, to prevent the kind of sentiment which they indicate.

THE TWO ISSUES FOR 1880.

Harper's Weekly (Rep.)

As the Southern case stands, it is as prejudicial for "the South" as the present aspect of the cipher dispatches is for Tilden. There is no intelligent person in the country who doubts that his most intimate and confidential agents tried to procure the Presidency for him by bribery. Whether or not conviction will prevent his nomination by his fellow-partisans, it will surely cost him the support of the honest independent vote, which was largely cast for him in 1876, and that will defeat his election. So, as the case stands with the Southern elections, there is really no doubt whatever in the minds of intelligent men at the North that these elections were largely carried by gross fraud and violence. This conviction will not change unless the charges are disproved, and the simple question for 1880 will be whether, upon the whole, it is desirable that the Government should be intrusted to a party which obtains power by such means and represents the kind of sentiment which they indicate.

THE CONDITION OF ENGLISH PEASANTS.

The London Correspondent of the N.Y. Tribune, in speaking of the condition of the English peasant, says of him:—"He and his progeny do not live; they merely exist. Poets have sung and moralists sentimentally dancetted upon the British peasant; but strip him of his romance, and look at him truthfully and soberly, and he presents a melancholy spectacle. He is merely a beast of burden; his condition is little better than that of a serf, if indeed it is as good. He grovels in poverty and wretchedness—often with an insufficiency of food. And scarcely is he able to dream of any more elevated state of existence, for the social forces by which he is beset almost entirely preclude him from breaking through the bonds which hold him. He is a drudge; his life is a life of drudgery; and from his cradle to his grave it would be difficult to see where his existence could be illuminated by a ray of prosperity or hope. At the lowest rung of the ladder of labor, he is forced to remain in his thrall, both intellectually and social, which the custom of ages has imposed upon his class."

PUT YOURSELF OUT OF THE RACE.

Philadelphia Times (Ind. Dem.)

Senator Bayard has about put himself out of the Presidential race by saying that he would not lift his finger to secure the Democratic nomination. Time was when a man might get a nomination under such circumstances, but now, there are too many fingers in the pie.

THE PEASANTRY.

The peculiarities of the continuous cold snap on Saturday and Sunday were as marked as on other days of the past week, especially in the Southern States. Sunday was the coldest day known in New Orleans since February 18, 1823.

The sidewalks were covered with ice, streets were frozen hard, and in many houses the cisterns had to be thawed out with hot water. Among the remarkable incidents in that city was a well-developed case of yellow fever, accompanied by black vomit. At Atlanta, Ga., the weather was the coldest since 1835, the mercury going to 5° below zero, trees cracking open from the effects of the cold, and snow flying. At Jacksonville, Fla., everything out of doors was covered with a coating of ice, the result of rain, sleet and frost. Nothing of the kind, if ever, has been known within thirty years past. Trains arriving there from Savannah, Ga., covered with snow, and flakes were observable at Jacksonville. At Shreveport, La., on Saturday, snow fell all day, and the mercury went down to 15°. At Vicksburg, Miss., on Saturday, it also snowed all day, the thermometer indicating 15° above zero. The James river, at Richmond, Va., was blocked with ice, navigation was suspended, and the canal was also embargued by frost. At Glasgow Junction, Ky., four trains froze to death.

On Saturday a heavy snow-storm, marked by a suspension of railway travel, prevailed throughout Vermont, northern New York and Canada East, accompanied by wind and troublesome drifts. On the Delaware river, from Philadelphia to the capes, navigation was practically blockaded. Steam navigation on the river and the Atlantic coast was seriously interrupted by the ice. At Buffalo yesterday the storm had entirely abated, with prospects of a speedy resumption of travel.

In the Northwest the cold continued severe, and several casualties are reported.

One day last week the thermometer at Fort Lincoln, D. C., indicated the unusually low temperature of 39 degrees below zero. On Saturday it was 26 below.

Chicago Journal, Jan. 2.

The following are a few of the important measures that will probably come before the next legislature of this State: Revision of the revenue laws; consolidation of the supreme court divisions; daily official reports of legislative proceedings; a new drainage law; modifications of medical practice act and the state board of health act; modifications of the militia laws; consideration of claims allowed by the claims commission, and consideration of the report of the committee to investigate claims for damage by overflow of the Illinois river; modification of the road law, and a trap law.

An elegant assortment of fine all-wool Scotch Cambric Suits, for young men's wear, at \$3-d&wtf

B. STINE'S, The Boss Clothier.

New Dress Goods! New Checks! Skirts and all other reasonable articles, just received, in full assortment, by

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TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1, 1878.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. BROWNWAY as a candidate for City Marshal at the ensuing municipal election.

We are authorized to announce NORMAN PRINGLE as a candidate for City Marshal at the approaching city election.

The city council met last night and adjourned to Wednesday evening.

Temperature stood at eight degrees above zero this morning, with a chilling wind from the southwest.

New bargains daily, at J. M. Stouck & Co.'s. Dec 20-d&wif.

The Hyers Sisters at the opera house on Thursday evening, Jan. 16th.

Everybody, look at Barber & Baker's slippers. Dec 17-d&wif.

The estimated value of hogs lost by dealers last year in Marion township is put about \$7,000.

Fair of FATHENS for sale at Linn & Scruggs'. [Nov 23-dif]

It is now time for candidates for aldermanic honors to get themselves before the people.

Recreation, the place to buy slippers is at Barber & Baker's. Dec 17-d&wif.

The people who wait at the door of the saloon and jury room to be admitted as witnesses have a rather cool berth.

CHEM. COAL--\$2.50 per ton, delivered. INDIANA COAL CO. Jan. 7-43.

AUST. & LOCKE can show as fine a stock of carpet goods as can be found in the state, with prices down to hard-pan.

Young Bros. are well fixed for the holiday trade. Call and see. Dec 12-dif.

Milner's bread and pastry are always No. 1 in quality and can always be had at lowest prices.

White and colored Alexander one button Kid Gloves, will be closed out at a pair, by Linn & Scruggs'. Jan 5-d&wif.

Trading to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl in the dark—you may know what you are doing but nobody else does.

The noblest lot of hats and caps in the city at Ehrman's. Greatly furnishing goods, of all descriptions, at bottom figures.

BENHAMMER the large stock of Organs that C. B. Present is selling so cheap. Nov 25-d&wif.

We are informed by good authority that Fred Smith is dieting with a view to making the race for assessor of Decatur township next spring.

A vest in the court room cannot but remark the excellent order preserved by Sheriff Foistmyer and his competent corps of bailiffs.

ELDORADO HOG CO. No. 2 will hold the regular monthly meeting to-morrow night, when the annual election of officers will occur.

The neat Berger Family, with Sol Smith & self, Julie Lumberg, and a fine company of 16 renowned artistes, are booked for the opera house Jan. 27th.

Northern makes it a point to keep the best groceries and provisions, and to sell at bottom figures. He has also a choice lot of nice dressed chickens.

The partial letting up of the cold snap brought people out upon the streets to-day, and the sidewalks presented more of a business appearance than for several days before.

There are twelve prisoners in the county jail—Gruber, robbery, and Pierce, larceny, will be taken to Chester at the convenience of the Sheriff, where they will languish one and two years.

Friend business, which has been almost at a stand still during the excessively cold weather of the last few days, is beginning to pick up a little as the mercury rises in the thermometer.

A MATERIALIZED ghost is lurking about on North Water and Mason streets. It is said that she carries a six-shooter and sundry other weapons offensive and defensive. So it stands the fellow to hand she is looking for to keep his eye peeled.

The relatives of Frank Hande are now in Springfield hard at work to secure that notorious scoundrel's release from the penitentiary. They are trying to work on the Governor's sympathy by playing the charity game.

The Heyburns are confessedly the most concert singers in the country, and the fact that they are to revisit Decatur will be good news to all lovers of good music. On Friday evening of this week they will appear at the tabernacle and charm the people with their soul-stirring songs. Admission, only 25 cents.

TICKS closing out sale of stoves and hardware at R. C. Crocker's is still going on, and will be vigorously pushed until the time stated. Those wanting stoves with which to offset the extreme cold weather, will find this the place to buy. Mechanics in want of tools, and farmers needing implements, will do well to take advantage of the low prices which rule at Crocker's.

BEWARE of humbugs and peddling stores. Persons well-informed do not patronize them, and those who are not posted cannot afford to trust them. Therefore, make sure to get the worth of your money by going to Linn & Scruggs, who always sell the best goods at the lowest prices.

THE BIGGER HORN.—It is claimed that J. C. Bates, of Avs., Ill., owns the largest hog in the state. His hogship is forty months old, and weighs 750 pounds, is seven feet nine inches long, and girls five feet nine inches around the shoulders. Who can beat that?

A Good Stock Farm for Sale. Inquire of J. Q. A. Odor. [Nov 10-dif]

STATE AFFAIRS.

Grand Gathering of Senators and Representatives at the Capitol.

Springfield is crowded with members of both branches of the State Legislature, office-seekers, and interested spectators. As usual the headquarters of the politicians are established at the Leland, where all indulge in the fascinating and unsatisfactory pastime of button-holing one another, each man with some kind of an axe to grind, either for himself or some one else. The ball was opened yesterday, and last night the Leland was brilliantly lighted up to a late hour, while the rotunda, reception rooms and corridors were crowded with a surging mass of humanity.

The contest for the speakership of the House is represented as being decidedly lively. The most prominent candidates are Colonel Thompson, of Chicago, Colonel James of Lake, Mr. Morrison of Morgan, and Mr. Mitchell of McLean.

The Republicans will hold their caucus tonight. Hon. James Herrington, of Kane, will probably be the choice of the Democrats in their caucus meeting, and C. H. Froow, of Ford, the choice of the Nationalists.

Senator Oglesby has taken possession of his rooms at the Lindell, and is quietly conducting his campaign. The Journal says "the number of his supporters has increased considerably, and his friends by no means despair of his ultimate success."

Both houses of the legislature will convene at noon to-morrow, but the vote on U. S. Senator will not take place until about the 20th inst.

LOST AND FOUND.

Yesterday soon after dinner a little boy about five years of age, son of Mr. Edward Foulk, of Marion, left the residence of Mr. Pluck, corner of Church and Eldorado streets, in company with two brothers, the eldest of whom is about ten years old, to come down to the business part of town. When the two older boys got to the square they discovered that their little brother was not with them. They returned to the house and reported the absence of their little brother, which of course considerably alarmed the parents, who at once started out to find the little wanderer. The search was kept up until after 4 o'clock, when some one reported on the square having the little fellow in charge, having picked him up near the residence of Mr. Haskell, on Eldorado. It was soon ascertained where the boy belonged, and he was taken to the place from which he strayed.

It seems that soon after starting from the house the boy lagged behind and soon lost sight of his brothers, and from that time wandered about looking for the house from which he had started. When found he had not become at all alarmed, and seemed to be as happy as need be, strolling about houses and other objects as he went along. The anxiety of the parents had, of course, become painful, and their joy at finding their darling can be better imagined than described.

A VESTIGANT BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.—Yesterday was Frank Kramer's nineteenth birthday, and as some of his young friends were aware of that fact, at the suggestion of Charley Pennell and his sister, they arranged to take Frank by surprise at his home, by calling upon him without previous notice or permission. Accordingly fifteen or twenty couples of surprises rendezvoused at a point conveniently near to Charley's home about eight o'clock, and from thence proceeded to the family residence on North Main street. The affair had been so adroitly managed that the faintest suspicion that anything of the kind was going on had not entered Frank's mind, and his surprise may be imagined when in answer to the signal given at the door, he opened it and saw thirty or forty of his young friends awaiting an invitation to enter.—Frank was not long in apprehending what was up, and extended a most cordial welcome to the intruders. The happy group spent the evening in social chat and in games, and at a proper time refreshments were served, after which the visitors retired, leaving Frank to pleasant dreams. He will not be likely soon to forget his nineteenth birthday.

To the Citizens of Decatur.

I have no doubt that many of you have old school books that are of no further use to your families. There are an unusual number of calls for books for children in the 1st, 2d and 3d Readers, whose parents are not able to buy. Any books left at my office, Stouck & Co.'s book store, or the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., will be thankfully received and carefully distributed.

Yours truly,

E. A. GASTMAN.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

ONE SINNER DESTROYS MUCH GOOD.

The Revival Meeting at the First M. E. Church.

The usual large and attentive congregation filled the lecture room of the First M. E. Church evening, and listened to a masterly exhortation from the lips of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Goodwin. He based his remarks upon the words of Solomon, "One sinner destroys much good," and spoke earnestly and pleadingly, and the audience was manifestly affected by his convincing argument and burning words of eloquence and brotherly love. The minister referred to the many influences one sinner had over his associates, how he could lead many down to perdition, when, if he were out of the way, all might be saved. He spoke of dancing and its evil influences, the theatre, and other places of ungodly amusements, and denounced them all as stumbling blocks in the way of some poor struggling sinner who was desirous of coming to Jesus. The exhortation closed with the declaration from the speaker, "If I had not the love of God in my heart—the evidence of His forgiveness—I would come to the altar if I had to crawl on my knees or be carried." While the congregation joined in singing "Almost Persuaded," a large number of penitents came forward and kneeled at the altar, while the members gathered around and sang and prayed earnestly and long for the salvation of the seekers.

Dr. Goodwin is accomplishing a good work, and greater results will follow as the meetings progress.

The public generally is cordially invited to attend the meetings to-night.

MACON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1878.

MONDAY, JAN. 7—AFTERNOON.

Court called at 1 o'clock, and disposed of the following cases:

Henry Welsh vs. William R. Barksheir, *assumpsit*. Issues for plaintiff, damages, \$161.27.

Thomas Hayes vs. Harvey Pasco et al; *assumpsit*. Pleas withdrawn. Judgment for \$251.40.

Mary L. Wykle vs. John Blue; *ejectment*. Contested.

Matthew Brothers vs. John M. Smith; *assumpsit*. Trial by court; decision reserved.

John Ulrich vs. John G. Shea et al; *assumpsit*; trial by jury concluded; verdict for plaintiff for \$482.45.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8.

John H. Myers, Administrator, vs. Jas. V. Brown et al.; *assumpsit*. Default against James V. Brown.

John H. Myers, Administrator of the estate of James Brown, vs. Margery A. Hebenstreit; *assumpsit*. Default taken. CHANCERY DOCKET.

Cynthia A. Myers vs. Thomas Lee et al.; *chancery*. Contested.

Madeline Cherry vs. Abram M. Cherry, *injunction*. Continued for publication.

Clara Lawson vs. Taylor Lawson; *divorce*. Continued for publication.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock p.m.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular Meeting.

DECATEUR, ILL., JAN. 8, 1879.

Mayor Price in the chair. Alderman all present except Shea.

On motion, reading minutes was dispensed with.

City Register being absent, S. Burgess was chosen Register *pro tempore*.

Bond of Daniel W. Brennenman was read, when Ald. Bramble moved to adjourn until next Wednesday night. Which motion prevailed.

Attest, S. Burgess, Register *pro tempore*.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

SIR KNIGHTS.—Divine Providence has permitted the Angel of Death to enter our Sacred Asylum and call to his final home in Heaven, as we humbly trust, our true and courteous Sir Knight, Joseph G. Starr, and it is fitting that we, in view of our loss, give some suitable expression of the high regard in which he was held by the members of Bentmann's Commandery No. 9, of which he was one of its most honored members. As a business man, a citizen, and a member of society, he was one of the most generous and hospitable men of the city, by his close attention to business he provided liberally for his family, and was a most devoted husband and father. Be it therefore

Resolved, That this community has suffered a great loss in the death of Sir Knight Joseph G. Starr, and that to keep his memory dear in our hearts, and to remind us of his many virtues, this preamble and resolutions be spread upon the minutes.

Resolved, That we most deeply sympathize with his afflicted family in their grief and trust that they may find abundant comfort in the blessed Gospel of Christ, through which a glorious future is revealed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HUNN,
J. R. GOULD,
S. F. GREEN,
Chairmen.

EXQUISITE ODORS.

The Unique Perfumes made by Dr. Price are the favorite perfumes for the boudoir and toilet. His Floral Riches surpasses in rich, fresh, flowery fragrance, any other Cologne or Toilet Water. Dr. Price's Pet Rose, Mendo Flowers, and other odors are exquisite.

Query: "Why will men smoke com."

Query: "When can you buy Murburg Bros' Seal of North Carolina?" at the same office.

Jan 11 '78-dif

Chase Bulk Oysters just received at Geppert's, 50 cents per quart. Will be kept on hand all the time. Nov 21-dif

Query: "Why will you smoke a poor 5-cent cigar when you can get 'Kepler's Queen,' warranted 18 cents fine, for the same money?" April 11-dif

\$1,000.00 A DAY.—Perhaps few of our readers have given a thought to the immense amount of business to be transacted in the county treasurer's office, the aggregate of which during the year 1878 was \$70,000, or more than an average of \$700.00 per day for each day of the year, Sundays included.

FINED AND HELD TO BAIL.—Yesterday, in circuit court, Tony Kochel was fined \$40 on each of two cases pending against him for selling liquor contrary to law. He was also required to recognize in the sum of \$200 to answer to a similar charge at the next term of court.

The Patent Corset Comforts—Borden's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the boat and cheap French Corsets in the city at Jan. 28-d&wif.

Linn & Scruggs'.

MADE AND HELD TO BAIL.—It is claimed that J. C. Bates, of Avs., Ill., owns the largest hog in the state. His hogship is forty months old, and weighs 750 pounds, is seven feet nine inches long, and girls five feet nine inches around the shoulders. Who can beat that?

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TEACHERS' MEETING.

A few teachers were present at the regular meeting of the association last Saturday, notwithstanding the cold weather. Mr. E. A. Gastman made many and well-chosen suggestions concerning the many methods of teaching U. S. History. He would not have the pupil commit the words and language of the text, but would study the geography in connection with the immediate local history under consideration, thus having the pupil to see why campaigns were fought in certain localities rather than others. He spoke of the campaign of Burgoyne, in 1777, to illustrate his point, and very clearly showed that the pupil may be led to see that the water courses and general surface of the country in a great measure decide where the great battle may be fought. He also spoke of the fact that we are all well acquainted with the life and times of a few master minds, while men of the same character and men who wield a greater influence on their fellow-men are forgotten, although contemporary with them on the stage of action.

The superintendent and others made a few practical remarks on the study of events for 1861.

The subject of the Physical Geography of Illinois was then discussed by the county superintendent, after which the ever recurring subject of tardiness was discussed by several of the members.

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GOING EAST.

No. 3 Lightning Express..... 10:50 p. m.

4 Atlantic Express..... 11:45 a. m.

6 Accommodation..... 6:30 p. m.

The following Freight train will carry

passengers with tickets:

Going East..... 8:45 a. m.

Going West..... 1:15 p. m.

St. Louis Division.

DEPART.

No. 41 Through Express..... 3:50 a. m.

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Passenger..... 9:35 a. m.

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Freight..... 5:30 p. m.

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RAILWAY.

ON AND AFTER MAY 12th, 1878, trains will

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EASTWARD.

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RI. BI Peoria..... 8:15 p. m. 11:15 a. m. 10:30 p. m.

Ar. Peoria..... 9:30 p. m. 12:30 a. m. 11:45 p. m.

Bushnell..... 10:30 p. m. 12:30 a. m. 12:45 p. m.

Burlington..... 1:30 p. m. 2:30 a. m. 2:45 p. m.

Cookville..... 2:10 p. m. 3:15 a. m. 3:30 p. m.

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